

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION #1  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Stuart Sachs, Chair; Guy Horvath; Gail Stephen

**STAFF:** Diego Guevara, City Design Review Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness: Application #2015-08 by Asia Warren to install 24 solar panels on roof on south side of house at 669 Kossuth Street in the Pembroke City Historic District.**

The Chair asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for the application. Asia Warren came forward and stated that the project manager could not attend, but that she had submitted pamphlets regarding the panels.

Commissioner Horvath stated that the placement of the panels has a good southern orientation, and that he saw nothing problematic with the installation, as they are well hidden from the street as well.

The Chair asked how she planned to mount the panels, and Ms. Warren stated that the panels would lie flat. Commissioner Horvath asked to view the pamphlet, and noted a little raise on the installed panels, but not a full on slant. The Chair stated that he had no particular with this, and Commissioner Horvath concurred.

The Chair asked if anyone was present who wished to speak in favor of the application. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on 669 Kossuth Street.

2. **Certificate of Appropriateness: Application #2015-09 by Jeffrey Cepeda and Maryanne Haimovitch to erect a fence, and an alternative replication of siding at 325 Harriet Street/179 Maple Street in the Pembroke City Historic District.**

The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak for the application. Jeffrey Cepeda and Maryanne Haimovitch came forward. Ms. Haimovitch stated that they want to replace the fence on their rental property, as at present it is a long, broken wooden fence. She stated that they intend to replace it with a black steel fence, and noted the examples they provided to the commission.

The Chair asked if there was a particular type of fence they were leaning towards, and Ms. Haimovitch indicated their intended fencing. The Chair asked about height, and Ms. Haimovitch stated it would be no more than 8 feet, per regulations. Diego Guevara clarified that, as the the property is on the corner, 6 feet is the maximum, and anything higher would require an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Cepeda stated that they had no objections to a 6 foot fence. Mr. Guevara stated that they could raise the height of the fence in the backyard, per regulations.

Ms. Haimovitch stated that, in terms of siding, they are leaning towards replacing the shingles in disrepair and painting the exterior. Mr. Cepeda stated that there are only around 5 shingles missing, and it would be significantly more expensive to replace all of the siding. Ms. Haimovitch stated that they were contemplating a neutral color, and the Chair stated that they may do as they like in terms of paint color, given that the commission has no purview over it.

The Chair asked if they would hire a contractor or do the repairs themselves, and Mr. Cepeda stated that they would use a contractor. The Chair suggested asking the contractor if he had a release tool, as the removal of these shingles can be slightly difficult. Mr. Cepeda noted it and stated he would ask, and the Chair stated that he would be happy to lend his out, should their contractor not have one.

Mr. Cepeda stated that the exterior painting may have to wait until the spring, as the temperature is dropping and is not conducive to painting. The Chair stated that this is fine.

Mr. Cepeda clarified that the fence will most likely be a dog safe fence with a flat bar, as they have several pugs on the property. The Chair suggested the use of doggie inserts in the fence, rather than a permanent solution.

The Chair asked if anyone was present who wished to speak in favor of the application. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on 325 Harriet Street/179 Maple Street.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Application #2015-08 RE: 669 Kossuth Street**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HORVATH MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION #2015-08 RE: 669 KOSSUTH STREET BY ASIA WARREN TO INSTALL 24 SOLAR PANELS ON ROOF ON SOUTH SIDE OF HOUSE IN THE PEMBROKE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER STEPHEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Application #2015-09 RE: 325 Harriet Street/179 Maple Street**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION #2015-09 RE: 325 HARRIET STREET/179 MAPLE STREET BY JEFFREY CEPEDA AND MARYANNE HAIMOVITCH TO ERECT A FENCE, AND AN ALTERNATIVE REPLICATION OF SIDING IN THE PEMBROKE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HORVATH SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Horvath asked if the property discussed last month had been issued a notice of violation. Mr. Guevara stated that to his knowledge, Cory Bromley had sent a certified letter, and that he would follow up.

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2015**

The meeting minutes could not be voted upon as the correct individuals were not present. However, the following changes should be made:

1. The surname should be spelled 'Barbour'. (In the Attendee Line)
2. The surname should be spelled 'Halstead'. (Old Business, Paragraph 1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* THE CHAIR MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HORVATH SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos  
Telesco Secretarial Services